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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG
TRAINER/ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM NO. 14

REF: PANAMA 1541

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL BE ADVISED THAT NO FURTHER SLOTS
AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FOR DOG HANDLER COURSE. HOWEVER, U.S.
CUSTOMS IS WILLING TO EXTEND AN INVITATION FOR TWO OFFICERS
TO ATTEND THE SUBJECT COURSE WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING
THE PERIOD JUNE 12 - JUNE 30, 1978. IF FURTHER TRAINING
IS TO BE PROVIDE; THEN THE MISSION MUST BE CONVINCED THAT
THE INVOLVED AGENCY IS DEDICATED TO THE PROGRAM TO THE
FOLLOWING EXTENT: 1) THE AGENCY MUST EARMARK FUNDS TO
PROVIDE FOR MODERN SECURE KENNEL FACILITIES AT EACH STATION
WHERE DOGS WILL BE USED; 2) THE AGENCY MUST IDENTIFY BOTH
ADMINISTRATORS AND DOG HANDLERS WHO ARE TOTALLY DEDICATED
TO THE DOG PROGRAM, THAT IS, THEY MAY NOT BE REASSIGNED
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FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME TO OTHER DUTIES; 3) THE
AGENCY MUST HIRE OR DEVELOP A PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINER. A
DOG PROGRAM CANNOT SUCCEED WITHOUT ONE; 4) TRANSPORTATION,
VETERINARY SERVICES,AND OTHER BASIC SUPPORT CONSIDERATIONS
MUST BE PROVIDED AND; 5) THE AGENCY MUST BE WILLING AND
ABLE TO PROVIDE ITS TRAINER AND HANDLER WITH NARCOTICS TO
USE IN THE CONSTANT RETRAINING REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A DOG.

2. THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE RATHER DEMANDING BUT HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO ASSURE THAT A NEW DOG PROGRAM WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. IF THEY ARE MET THEN DOG HANDLER TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE FIRST OF CY 79.

3. REGARDING THE SUBJECT COURSE, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE JUNE 4, 1978, TO ATTEND A ONE WEEK CULTURAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM AT WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CENTER. PARTICIPANTS MUST POSSESS ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY. THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATORS OF POTENTIAL DOG PROGRAMS WITH DETAILS OF THE STAFFING, PROCUREMENT, TRAINING, AND DEPLOYMENT PROCESS INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM DOES NOT, REPEAT DOES NOT, TEACH A PARTICIPANT WHO IS NOT ALREADY A DOG TRAINER HOW TO BE A DOG TRAINER.

4. PER DIEM ALLOWANCES OF \$35. PER DAY AND THE COST OF COURSE ORIENTED DOMESTIC AIRFARE IS PAID BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. PANAMA PAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE.

5. AT APPROPRIATE TIME PLEASE ISSUE TO EACH PARTICIPANT A CHECK FOR ADVANCE MAINTENANCE IN AMOUNT OF U.S. DOLLARS 525 USING MASTER DISBURSING ACCOUNT ALLOTMENT CITATION 822-36-099-00-69-81 AGAINST APPROPRIATION SYMBOL 72-118-1022. IF UNABLE TO ISSUE ADVANCE
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MAINTENANCE CHECK OR IF AMOUNT ISSUED IS LESS THAN \$525, ADVISE IN ETA CABLE SINCE IT AFFECTS BALANCE OR PER DIEM PROVIDED IN WASHINGTON.

6. CUSTOMS WILL EXPECT NAMES, ETA AND FLIGHT DATA WITH BIODATA OF EACH PARTICIPANT ON OR ABOUT MAY 15, 1978. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MET AT ANY INTERMEDIATE AND AT WASHINGTON AIRPORT AND DIRECTED TO PRESIDENTIAL HOTEL, 900 19TH ST., N.W., WHERE RESERVATIONS WILL HAVE BEEN MADE.

7. ROUTE RESPONSE TO RUEACUS/U.S. CUSTOMS WASHINGTON, D.C. ATTN. S. ALLSHOUSE, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, AND SLUG INFO COPY TO J. PEMBERTON CU/IVP/RC.YY VANCE

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